

5126. Misbranding of "Restorative Tablets 'Fountain of Health.'" U. S. * * * v. Sharp & Dohme, a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 7414. I. S. No. 4715-k.)

On July 17, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Sharp & Dohme, a corporation, doing business at New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended, on September 8, 1914, from the State of New York into the island of Porto Rico of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Great restorative tablets 'Fountain of Health' * * *," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted of sugar-coated tablets, colored pink on the outside and containing essentially reduced iron, quinine, strychnine, and a drug containing emodin.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded in that certain statements appearing on its labels, and included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it, falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for all diseases of the blood; as an infallible cure for all diseases which come from impoverishment of the blood such as chlorosis, sexual impotence, seasickness, headache, bad digestion, lack of appetite, insomnia, rheumatism, suppression of the menstrual period in women, swellings, cutaneous blotches, palpitations of the heart, and neurasthenia, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On November 8, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*